

## Greece faces fresh election

ATHENS (R) — Greece's coalition government will resign Saturday satisfied it has fulfilled its mandate by arranging the trial of ex-Prime Minister Andreas Papandreou and five of his ministers. The unrepresented Conservative-Communist coalition came to power in July with the sole objective of lifting immunity from prosecution for former Socialist ministers alleged to have been involved in a series of scandals and sending them to trial. A government spokesman said the three-month-old government will now hand in its resignation to President Christos Sartzetakis. Both coalition partners said they would reject any idea of trying to form a new government and national elections are due on Nov. 5, spokesman Athanasios Kanellopoulos said. Under the constitution, Sartzetakis must offer the leaders of the three main parties, including Papandreou, a chance to try to form a government before calling the second national election this year. Papandreou is the only leader who may accept the offer and use his three-day period to try to woo the communists into a left-wing coalition government. The Communists, who with 28 seats hold the balance of power in the 300-seat parliament, have said they will reject any such overture and will insist on elections.

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## 2 killed, 16 injured in Gaza, West Bank

OCCUPIED JERUSALEM (Agencies) — A West Bank teenager shot in a clash with Israeli troops died Friday and another was shot dead and 16 Palestinians were wounded in clashes in the Gaza Strip.

Palestinians in Arab Jerusalem, the West Bank and Gaza Strip stopped work for the second day in response to a five-day strike call by the underground leadership of the 22-month-old uprising.

Israel Radio said uprising activists would lift the strike Saturday to let residents to buy food.

Staff at Arah Jerusalem's Mokassed hospital said Mohammad Ishami, 17, shot Thursday in the village of Battir, died of his wounds.

Police said they detained eight Jewish settlers for questioning Friday after the armed group began shouting insults and threats at Israeli peace activists demonstrating outside the home of a Palestinian leader, a police spokesman said.

The army said the soldiers shot dead a Palestinian from the West Bank village of Bidda after their patrol was hit by a hail of stones and bottles.

Arab reports identified the Palestinian as Khaled Hassan Mohammad Abu Eid.

In the Gaza Strip, a 55-year-old Arab U.N. worker was found

dead and slogans spray-painted on nearby walls accused him of collaborating with Israel, reporters said.

At least 671 Arabs have died in the revolt.

A nine-year-old boy was among 16 Palestinians shot and wounded by soldiers in scattered clashes in the strip Friday in Jabalya, Khan Younis, Bureij, Rafah and Abasan refugee camps, hospital officials said.

Israeli authorities cut off water supplies to Bureij refugee camp for the fifth consecutive day, Palestinian sources said, and a curfew there was extended for a second day.

An Israeli officer on trial for allegedly beating two Palestinians — one of whom later died — said Israeli Defence Minister Yitzhak Rabin had told officers to break Arab arms and legs.

Israel's domestic Itim news agency said Lieutenant Ofir Reshet told the court that Rabin and his commanding officer, Colonel Efrayim Eitan, gave orders to officers in the Gaza Strip which they interpreted as instructions to smash limbs.

Another of the four defendants said Eitan had hit Palestinians in front of his men and that he was ordered to break the arms and legs of protesters as a deterrent and punishment, Itim reported. Rabin has publicly called for

troops to use "might, force and beatings" to combat the revolt. In the Gaza Strip town of Bint Lahiyah, troops demolished the home of Adnan Abdallah Alayan, 23, who is suspected of killing a collaborator. The eight-room house was home to 16 people.

Police broke up the demonstration of almost two dozen Jewish settlers as they protested in front of the Arab Jerusalem home of Faisal Al Husseini, a leading Palestinian activist.

The settlers, from Tekoa, 15 kilometers south of Jerusalem, accused Husseini of inciting violence and called for his arrest.

Two weeks ago a settler rabbi from Tekoa met with Husseini to talk peace, sparking outrage among Jewish settler who regard Husseini as a leader of the uprising.

The settler demonstration came as some 15 Israeli activists from the Peace Now movement stood outside Husseini's home holding signs saying "Peace Now," and "Give Peace a Chance" as they waited for a meeting with the Palestinian activist.

"We came to show that there are many Israelis who don't see Husseini as the enemy, and that he must be included as a partner for negotiations," Peace Now spokesman Tzali Reshet said.

## Israeli cabinet rejects Cairo dialogue proposal

TEL AVIV (Agencies) — Israel's policy-making inner cabinet Friday rejected a proposal by Egypt to meet with a Palestinian delegation in Cairo. Some Labour Party leaders called for leaving the coalition government over the vote but others saying they will not leave the coalition.

After nine hours of debate over the days, the 12 leaders of the coalition government deadlocked along party lines in a 6-to-5 vote.

The tie automatically dictated a proposal by the Labour Party of Vice Premier Shimon Peres to accept the Egyptian invitation to talk with Palestinians about Israel's own proposals for elections in the occupied territories.

"I am very disappointed... Israel today suffered a severe setback," said Defence Minister Yitzhak Rabin of Labour.

Many leaders of Prime Minister Yitzhak Shamir's right-wing Likud viewed the Egyptian invitation, involving meetings with Palestinians from outside the occupied territories, as a trick to get Israel to talk indirectly to the Palestine Liberation Organisation (PLO).

"The prime minister formulated it well when he said that if we adopt (Labour's proposal), we would recognise the PLO... Israel would have walked into a trap of no return," said David Levy, the Likud housing minister.

Labour ministers said the vote passed up an opportunity to advance a five-month-old Israeli offer to hold elections in the occupied territories.

Despite their defeat, some Labour ministers said they would

not leave the government but would convene party meetings to decide whether next step. They said they would still consider a compromise.

Likud Foreign Minister Moshe Arens said a proposal by Secretary of State James Baker for U.S.-Israeli-Egyptian talks on the composition of a Palestinian delegation was likely to pass an inner cabinet vote — once it was received in writing.

"I think if the proposal is presented as Mr. Baker presented it to me... it will be carried in the cabinet," Arens told reporters.

In Cairo, Foreign Ministry sources said Egypt would not comment on the Israeli cabinet vote until it received a full report from its ambassador in Tel Aviv.

Arens, just back from the United States, said Baker proposed three-way talks on the composition of the Palestinian delegation. The idea arose at a meeting of Arens, Baker and Egyptian Foreign Minister Esmat Abdul Meguid.

After an inconclusive inner cabinet meeting Thursday, Arens said he called Baker who promised to commit the proposal to writing. When the proposal did not arrive Friday, Labour pressed ahead with its own demand.

"Instead of waiting for the proposal, they insisted on holding a vote when they knew beforehand that they couldn't carry their proposal and I can only explain it on narrow party interests, not out of concern for peace for Israel's interests," Arens said.

Shamir's media adviser Avi

Pazzer told Reuters the prime minister was "considering seriously," the American proposal.

Salah Khalaf, a top aide to PLO Chairman Yasser Arafat, was quoted Friday as stressing the PLO's readiness to sit at the negotiating table with Israel, "be it in Cairo, Moscow or Geneva."

The remarks by Khalaf were published in the Kuwaiti newspaper Al Watan.

In his remarks made in Tunis, Khalaf warned that the Israelis "should not cherish the hope of having a Palestinian Camp David."

"Israel should not dream of the PLO signing an agreement with it that falls short of setting up a Palestinian state," said Khalaf.

"We are not brokers and we are not prepared to compromise the freedom of our people. Therefore, Israel and the United States should omit the word 'autonomy' from their dictionary."

U.S. Ambassador Robert Pelletreau met twice this week with Haim Barak, the PLO's permanent representative in Tunis, as part of the 10-month-old U.S.-Palestinian dialogue, the Palestinian news agency said Friday.

WAFA, the PLO news agency, gave no details of the latest round of talks.

The U.S. embassy in Tunis referred all queries to Washington.

WAFA said the talks covered the latest political developments in the Middle East "in the light of new efforts being deployed by the parties concerned."

## Hijackers threaten to blow Burmese plane in Thailand

BANGKOK (Agencies) — Two Burmese students demanding restoration of democracy in their military-run country hijacked a Burmese airliner Friday and threatened to blow it up after forcing it to land in Thailand, a Thai naval officer said.

Somchai Kaewvibunphan said the hijackers released 35 of the 85 people on board the plane, then said they would destroy it after the Burmese ambassador refused to meet their demands.

But an initial deadline set by the hijackers passed without incident. Thai and Burmese diplomats were reported negotiating with the hijackers.

Thailand's Channel 7 television reported the hijackers later stopped issuing deadlines and said

they were willing to give themselves up to Thai authorities if their demands were met.

The television station quoted released hostages as speculating the hijackers had rigged a remote-controlled explosive inside the aircraft because they saw winning hanging from some of the plane's overhead baggage racks.

The conversation with the Burmese ambassador over a military radio was monitored by reporters waiting at the gates of U Tapao airport. The airliner was out of sight.

When one of the hijackers told the ambassador the plane would be blown up unless the demands were met, the ambassador said he could not bear the remark.

Police sources said the hijackers were both 22 and named them as Ye Yint and Ye Thi Ha.

Burmese sources said the two names appeared to be

pejonyms — Ye Yint means "brave" and Ye Thi Ha means "bon."

The police sources said it appeared all those on board were Burmese. They added that 15 crack anti-terrorist police had been flown secretly to U Tapao.

Security force units had surrounded the plane, but at a distance.

Arab mediators who drafted the charter and the Muslim deputies who support it have been telling Christian opposition it is Lebanon's best chance for peace.

"This is the best formula that is practicable," Deputy Ali Khalil told reporters Friday.

"When the committee says publicly that it will do all it can to

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## Hungarian leaders clash

BUDAPEST (R) — Two leaders of Hungary's ruling Communist Party clashed Friday over whether it should sign its own death warrant and embrace Western-style democracy as a new socialist party. Addressing a special congress of the Hungarian Socialist Workers' Party, its President Károly Néma urged 1,276 delegates to create a new, non-communist socialist party to fight multi-party elections due by mid-1990. The party's historical role was coming to an end after more than 40 years of communist rule, he said. "We need a new-style socialist party which is a successor but not a simple continuation of the party... the new party should not be a communist party." But Károly Gross, who ousted veteran leader János Kádár as general secretary in May 1988 and led the party until his post was devalued in June, defended communist ideals. "It is not the progressive values of the workers' movement that we have to deny, among these the ideals of communism, but rather the practice that discredited them," Gross said. Néma is backed by Prime Minister Miklós Németh and reformist State Minister Imre Pozsgay. With Gross, they make up the four-man party leadership. Németh has said he is prepared for the party to split rather than compromise with hardliners.



## King to address country

AMMAN (Petra) — His Majesty King Hussein Saturday addresses the country on the resumption of democratic parliamentary life. The King will review the circumstances which prevented holding parliamentary election since 1967, the challenges and dangers facing Jordan, and the responsibilities of candidates and voters in elections and the next phase.

## Qadhafi envoy arrives with message to King

AMMAN (Petra) — Member of the Libyan Revolutionary Command Council Major Al Khawafidi Al Hamidi arrived in Amman Friday with a message from Libyan leader Muammar Qadhafi to His Majesty King Hussein dealing with the latest developments in the Arab and international arenas, particularly the Palestine question.

Upon arrival, the Libyan official said that his talks with the Jordanian officials would focus on bilateral relations and means to develop them. He also paid tribute to Jordan's pan-Arab role.

He was received at Amman Airport by King Hussein's private advisor Amer Khammash, Deputy Prime Minister and Interior Minister Salem Masa'deh, and senior officials.

## 12 held for questioning in probe into rocket attack

AMMAN (I.T.) — The government said Friday security forces had arrested 12 members of a Palestinian group for their involvement in a missile attack across the demarcation line with Israel.

Palestinian uprising, which has chosen the path of mass popular unarmed confrontation with the occupation forces."

"Such actions are intended to vie politically with the peaceful efforts deployed by the Palestine Liberation Organisation (PLO) at this stage," the spokesman added.

The PFLP had claimed it carried out a Sept. 7 attack in which several Katyusha rockets were fired from northwest Jordan towards Israel.

At least one fell short, landing in Jordan, and there were no reports of damage or casualties on either side of the demarcation line.

The spokesman said these activities aimed to "create tension in the area bordering the West Bank and divert attention from the

## Armenia blockade lifted

MOSCOW (R) — Trains moved vital supplies into Soviet Armenia Friday, ending a blockade by workers in neighbouring Azerbaijan lasting for more than a month.

The official TASS news agency said hundreds of wagons rolled in to the southern Soviet republic bordering Turkey, three days after the Soviet parliament authorised the army to take over operation of the railways.

There was no confirmation of the report from Yerevan, the Armenian capital, where a spokesman for the Armenian Foreign Ministry had said the republic was relying entirely on emergency supplies sent in from Georgia to the northwest.

TASS said the trains passed between Armenia and Azerbaijan, where workers have blocked railways to press the Armenians to drop their claims to Nagorno-Karabakh.

"However, the situation on the lines remains complex," the spokesman said.

"The situation is getting

worse and worse," he said. "Nothing is getting through from Azerbaijan. I don't know what the troops are doing, but it isn't working."

A spokeswoman at the Armenian news agency Armenpress said 10 planeloads of troops had arrived in Yerevan Oct. 3, the day the Supreme Soviet adopted a resolution empowering the army to take over the railways.

She said they were all sent

down to the border with Nakhichevan, an Azerbaijani enclave through which the main railway line passes.

Azerbaijani workers imposed a blockade of all road and rail links with Armenia in early August, seeking to starve the republic into submission in their long-standing territorial dispute.

More than 100 people have been killed in the past 19 months in clashes over Nagorno-Karabakh, an autonomous province of Azerbaijan with a majority Armenian population.

## Gorbachev nudges East Germans on reforms on their own terms

EAST BERLIN (Agencies) — Soviet leader Mikhail Gorbachev, visiting East Germany as an unprecedented refugee exodus there subsided, Friday nudged the country's rigid Communist leadership to introduce reforms.

But the Soviet leader, in East Berlin to join celebrations marking this country's 40th anniversary, said the East Germans would have to decide what changes, if any, they should make.

"Those who take their inspiration from life and society do not have to fear anything," he said after laying a wreath at the Tomb of the Unknown Soldier.

"We know our German friends well," he continued. "They are specialists in thinking things over and making corrections if necessary."

"Gorb, Gorb," shouted East Germans waiting along Gorbachev's motorcade route into downtown East Berlin, hailing the Soviet leader whose political and economic reforms have been rejected by the East German leadership.

Thousands of East Germans fled west in the past month in an exodus that began when Warsaw Pact ally Hungary opened its border with Austria to would-be emigres. (see page 8).

"I am certain that every people must determine what it becomes. We know our German friends

well and their ability to think through problems, to learn from life and to make corresponding political changes if they are necessary," he said.

"Be patient, don't panic and don't be sad. We are very close partners and we will solve our problems, and struggles together," he said.

"We're staying here" shouted several of the onlookers in the crowd of about 1,000.

Gorbachev said he had full faith in the East Germans and denied suggestions the country was in danger.

"It's not comparable to our problems," he responded.

Surrounded by journalists at the tomb on East Berlin's elegant Unter den Linden Boulevard, he stressed several times he would not pressure the leadership here.

"If we had begun our perestroika on suggestions from abroad, and not from our own experiences, our own problems and our own people, nothing would have come of

## Iraq accuses Iran of pursuing policy of no war, no peace

UNITED NATIONS (Agencies) — Iraq accused Iran Thursday of perpetuating a policy of no war, no peace since the start of a Gulf ceasefire in August 1988 and said its refusal to agree to an exchange of more than 100,000 prisoners of war created a dangerous precedent.

In a speech to the General Assembly, Iraqi Deputy Prime Minister and Foreign Minister Tareq Aziz said Iran had turned Iraq and Fao, even though they remained within the range of Iranian guns.

"The step required now, after more than a year of inaction for which Iran bears full responsibility, is to go back to the table of direct negotiations under the auspices of the (U.N.) secretary general... and to work sincerely on the implementation of Resolution 598."

This was adopted by the Security Council in July 1987 and embodies a peace plan that remains unimplemented apart from

last year's ceasefire.

"Iran's selective attitudes, along with its resorting to manoeuvres and extortionist tactics, have prolonged the sufferings of more than 100,000 Iraqi and Iranian prisoners of war and increased the pains of their families who found hope in the ceasefire," Aziz said.

"This constitutes a dangerous precedent which has never been witnessed throughout the history of the United Nations and the history preceding its establishment."

The International Committee of the Red Cross (ICRC) says it has registered about 50,200 Iraqi prisoners in Iran and some 18,900 Iranian prisoners in Iraq, but estimates each country may be holding as many as 20,000 unregistered prisoners.

Aziz called on the United Nations to shoulder its legal and humanitarian responsibility and make Iran "renounce the policy of holding people hostage for political ends — a policy which Iran is well known to have been practising systematically."

On the situation in Lebanon, he said Iraq "condemns the Israeli military occupation... (it) also condemns the Syrian and Iranian occupation of Lebanon."

"No solution can be found to the Lebanese crisis but by terminating this occupation, putting an end to external interference in the Lebanese internal affairs and creating the suitable free climate for the Lebanese people to settle their internal problems and achieve national reconciliation through dialogue," Aziz added.

Aziz said the United States was taking a more active interest in the Cyprus question than in recent years and wanted to see progress.

The Iraqi News Agency (INA) quoted Information Minister Latif Nissayef Jassim as calling the taking over of the embassy on Aug. 23 a flagrant aggression. It provided no direct quotes.

The Al Thawra newspaper of the ruling Baath Party warned that if the premises were not evacuated Iraq would retaliate against the residence of the Iranian ambassador in Baghdad. It did not elaborate.

The daily reported that the Revolutionary Guards also looted the premises in Tehran and seized a diplomatic car that was left there.

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## Vassiliou doubts U.N. will withdraw ideas

UNITED NATIONS (Agencies)

Cypriot President George Vassiliou said Thursday he could not imagine the U.N. secretary general would withdraw ideas for resolving the Cyprus problem whose presentation was objected to by Turkish Cypriot leader Rauf Denktash.

"I cannot imagine that the secretary general will ever accept to withdraw the ideas," he told a news conference.

"The ideas... were not a formal proposal for acceptance or rejection. It was for discussion," he said. Secretary General Javier Perez de Cuellar called them "food for thought," he added.

They deal with constitutional and other matters related to efforts to reunite the divided island under a federal system of government, which Vassiliou and Denktash have been discussing for more than a year.

Denktash, who is due to see Perez de Cuellar here next week, said in August he would not continue with the talks if the secretary general's ideas remained on the table.

Vassiliou, who addressed the General Assembly Wednesday and later saw President George Bush and Secretary of State James Baker, said he was pleased with his trip to Washington.

"I was very happy to have President Bush give his wholehearted support to the secretary general and at the same time make very clear that he cannot consider, and the United States government will never accept, the status quo as a solution."

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### N. Cyprus leader urges equality

A Turkish Cypriot official called Thursday for an equal partnership, without which he said there could be no lasting peace in Cyprus.

"Unless the equal partnership status of the Turkish Cypriot people is acknowledged there will be no lasting and logical peace in Cyprus," Hakkı Atun, acting president and house speaker in the breakaway northern part of the island, said.

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## Two Swiss nationals kidnapped in Lebanon

SIDON (R) — Three gunmen kidnapped two Swiss Red Cross technicians outside a medical centre Friday in the second attack this year against foreign relief workers in the south Lebanese port of Sidon.

The two Swiss men, Emmanuel Christen, 25, and Eric Enriquez, 23, were seized at 7.30 a.m. (0430 GMT) outside the orthopaedic centre of the International Committee of the Red Cross (ICRC), security and ICRC sources said.

The centre is only 50 metres

away from the Palestinian refugee camp of 'Ain Al Hilweh.

On May 12 gunmen in Sidon kidnapped two West Germans, Heinrich Striebig, 48, and Thomas Kempner, aid workers for the Humanitas relief agency which cares for Palestinian refugees.

Friday's abduction raised the total number of Westerners missing and believed kidnapped in Lebanon to 19.

Witnesses said the gunmen

waited in a dark blue Mercedes car some five metres away from the centre.

As soon as they stepped out of their white Peugeot car, one of the gunmen, holding a pistol, advanced towards them, grabbed the two and bundled them into the boot of the car, one ICRC witness told Reuters.

The witness said the gunman also tried to smash the driver but stopped short when he protested he was Lebanese.

"They went inside the orthopaedic centre and tried to abduct the Lebanese secretary but changed his mind when he said she was Lebanese," the witness added.

The gunman pointed his gun at the Lebanese workers in the centre and warned them not to move. He then rushed into the car which sped off.

Sidon, 40 kilometres south of Beirut, is controlled by a Sunni

Muslim militia, the Popular Liberation Army (PLA), and various Palestinian guerrilla factions based in 'Ain Al Hilweh and Mich Mich refugee camps near the city.

No group claimed responsibility for the kidnapping but security sources in Beirut and Sidon said the gunmen belonged to the radical Palestinian Fatah Revolutionary Council (FRC) led by Abu Nidal.

It was the first time the organisation had pulled out all its Swiss staff from a country in its 125-year history. They returned to Lebanon in January after receiving assurances about their safety.

In Geneva, ICRC spokesman Carlos Bauer confirmed the kidnapping and said any such action harmed the humanitarian work of the organisation.

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hijacking an Air Afrique plane to Geneva, an killing a French passenger in 1987.

Last December Switzerland withdrew its ambassador from Lebanon and the Geneva-based ICRC evacuated its 14 foreign staff because of threats aimed at securing Hariri's release.

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## MIDDLE EAST NEWS IN BRIEF

### More Israelis supporting extreme right

TEL AVIV (AP) — A survey published Thursday showed an increase in support for right-wing political parties, apparently due to public frustration over the Palestinian uprising. Of 1,170 randomly chosen Israelis questioned in face-to-face interviews, 33.5 per cent supported Prime Minister Yitzhak Shamir's Likud Party, similar to its support following the general elections in December. Support for the left Labour Party dropped by 3.5 points to 28 per cent. The survey was conducted by independent pollster Hanoch Smith and published in the Labour Party daily Davar. Smith asked those surveyed "which party would you vote for if Knesset (parliament) elections were held today?"

The extreme right-wing Tehiya, Tzomet and Moledet parties were the ones to benefit from Labour's loss, gaining a total of 12 per cent, 3.5 per cent more than in December. Smith said the rightward trend was because the public was losing faith in negotiations aimed at ending the uprising. "I think the public in Israel is getting frustrated looking for answers and becoming increasingly hostile," he said. "The right-wing parties are giving the public solid answers." Support for religious and most left-wing parties remained stable. The Citizen's Rights Movement, however, also marked a 2.5 point increase since December giving it 6 per cent of the vote. The poll was conducted between Sept. 21-26 and has a 3 per cent margin of error.

### Turkey urged stop of Armenian resolution

ANKARA (AP) — Turkey has urged President George Bush's administration to try to block a joint resolution in Congress that accuses the Ottoman Turks of genocide in the deaths of 1.5 million Armenians. A Foreign Ministry statement said adoption of such a resolution would cause "irreparable and exceedingly negative damage to U.S.-Turkish relations." The resolution, introduced by Senate Republican leader Robert Dole Sept. 29, would designate April 24, 1990, as "national day of remembrance of the 75th anniversary of the Armenian genocide of 1915-1923." In a letter he circulated to other senators inviting co-sponsors, Dole said the action would not affect strong security ties with NATO partner Turkey because "all of the events in question occurred long before the Republic of Turkey was formed." The Foreign Ministry said "this would not attenuate the seriousness of the slander against the Turkish people because those accused are our ancestors."

### Groups claim killing Belgian Jewish leader

BRUSSELS (R) — A previously-unknown group claimed responsibility Friday for killing the secular leader of Belgium's Jews this week and threatened more attacks. "We, Young Palestine Proud and Free, claim responsibility for the assassination of the Jewish doctor Joseph Wybran," the group said in a typewritten letter received by a Brussels newspaper. "Jews of Belgium and Europe tremble, for we shall not stop at this attack," the letter said. The group claimed to be young revolutionaries trained and supported by the Palestine Liberation Organisation (PLO). Wybran was shot in the head outside the Brussels hospital in which he worked Tuesday night and died early Wednesday. Police said they were investigating the letter but declined to comment on its authenticity. On Thursday a group in Lebanon, the Soldiers of Truth, claimed responsibility for the killing.

### Sudan criticises Zambia, Zimbabwe

KHARTROUM (AP) — Sudan has criticised Zambia and Zimbabwe for receiving John Garang, leader of the rebel Sudan People's Liberation Army (SPLA). Ali Shummo, acting foreign minister, was quoted by the Sudan News Agency (SUNA) as saying that Sudan expected President Kenneth Kaunda of Zambia and President Robert Mugabe of Zimbabwe to "help in solving Africa's problems instead of receiving outlaws." He said that the two leaders "opened their countries' doors for rebel leader John Garang." Shummo threatened to reciprocate by receiving rebels from Zambia and Zimbabwe, but added: "We do not encourage outlaws elements." Shummo said that while Sudan did not want to escalate the situation, it "will not nevertheless keep silent." He did not indicate if the government would take any other steps. Garang visited both countries recently.

### EC welcomes Taif peace talks

PARIS (R) — The European Community (EC) Thursday welcomed peace talks underway between Lebanese members of parliament in Saudi Arabia as the beginning of national reconciliation and the restoration of Lebanese sovereignty. The 12-member community welcomed the recent ceasefire in Lebanon and called on all parties involved in the conflict to ensure that talks in the Saudi mountain resort of Taif took place against a peaceful background.

## U.S. warns PLO members against addressing rally

WASHINGTON (Agencies) — The United States Thursday warned Palestine Liberation Organisation (PLO) delegates attending the United Nations against addressing a political meeting outside the bounds of the international body.

Five delegates, including the PLO's chief foreign spokesman Farouk Kaddoumi, were due to address a public meeting late Thursday at the U.N. Church Centre, across the street from United Nations headquarters in New York City.

The State Department said that would violate the terms of the delegates' entry visas to the United States.

The PLO's U.N. observer, Zehdi Terzi, said he had known nothing about the advertised public meeting until an official of the U.N. legal office told him late Wednesday that the United States had sent a note saying participation by PLO delegates would violate the terms of their visas.

Referring to a pamphlet advertising the meeting issued by a group called Palestine Solidarity Committee, Terzi told Reuters: "I was surprised that such a flier was sent out. But as far as I know and Mr. Kaddoumi knows, no one of the delegation will appear at that meeting."

Asked whether the PLO delegates had cancelled because of the U.S. warning, Terzi replied:

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## Queen lays foundation stone of Madaba centre

A (Petra) — Her Queen Noor Thursday laid the foundation stone of the centre for the mentally handicapped, located half-way between Madaba and the middle

At the end of the celebrations Queen Noor toured the folkloric exhibition held at the celebration site.

The event was attended by Health and Social Development Minister Zaid Hamzeh, Madaba district Governor Musleh Tarawneh, department directors and a number of citizens.

## O seminar to tackle active habits of youth

Zambia, Zimbabwe (Petra) — Youth Secretary General Asem Thursday received the Health Organisation's advisor Mumtaz Mohammad and discussed with him the arrangements for holding a symposium on the negative habits among youths.

The symposium will be held in Lusaka from Dec. 18 to Dec. 23, with the participation of 40 youths from the Middle East countries, 15-24.

Ministry's Assistant General Mohammad ab has been named as the y's representative in the peace talks

## NATIONAL NEWS IN BRIEF

CE HASSAN SENDS CONDOLENCE: His Royal Highness Prince Hassan Thursday delegated his advisor Mohamad Odeh Al Najjar to convey his condolences to Al Raqqad over the death of the late Hussein Abtan Al Raqqad. Prince also delegated the director of Irbid Police Department to his condolences to Al Nimir family over the death of the late Col. Fayed Fawzi Al Nimir. (Petra)

EXHIBITION: Her Royal Highness Princess Wijdan Ali, president of the Royal Society of Fine Arts, Thursday opened the art exhibition of Omar Basoul, held at Alia Art Gallery.

DOES TO CLOSE: King Hussein and Prince Mohammad on the River Jordan will be closed Saturday and Monday to traffic from and to the West Bank and Gaza Strip according to Security Department (PSD) sources. The sources said that the gates received only 250 passengers Friday, Oct. 6, while they will have only 100 passengers Sunday, Oct. 8. The source added that in cases, such as holders of cables from the Red Cross or whose permits will expire on that day or the day after, will be dealt with Sunday. (Petra)

JORDAN-INDONESIA SIGN ACCORD: Awqaf and Islamic Minister Sheikh Abdul Aziz Al Khayyat and his Indonesian counterpart Thursday signed a cooperation agreement in Jakarta, whereby both countries will work towards enhancing bilateral cooperation in the fields of Sharia (Islamic Law) and Awqaf studies. The two parties will also encourage the exchange of expertise and by Ulamas from both countries. (Petra)

VIET TEAM IN AQABA: A delegation representing the Soviet Friendship Societies Thursday visited Aqaba and toured the cultural archaeological sites of the port city. (Petra)

WORKSHOP FOR 40 MUSIC STUDENTS: Noor Al Hussein and Jordan's National Music Conservatory Thursday held a workshop for 40 students and teachers from the various parts of the country. The workshop aims to teach these students and teachers how to play the violin and the piano and to brief them on the advanced technologies in playing such musical instruments. (Petra)

SYMPOSIUM ON KINDERGARTENS: The National Association for the Education of Children Saturday holds a two-day symposium on kindergartens in Jordan. A number of educationalists and experts in the field of kindergartens will take part in the symposium, which will be held under the theme "the kindergarten that we want."

## WHAT'S GOING ON

The following listings are compiled from monthly bulletins and the daily Arabic press. Readers are advised to verify the listed time and place with the concerned institutions.

### EXHIBITIONS

- ★ An exhibition of watercolours on Jordan by Salam Kamaan at Al Wasiti Art Gallery.
- ★ An exhibition of Islamic scripts at Jordan National Gallery for Fine Arts.
- ★ An art exhibition entitled "Nature and Man" by Jordanian artist Mohammad Al Hattab at the Royal Cultural Centre.
- ★ An exhibition marking the 1st centennial of the Eiffel Tower, displaying photographs, drawings and pictures demonstrating the tower in all its aspects at the French Cultural Centre.
- ★ An exhibition of Romanian folklore and traditional crafts featuring life in Romania at the Jerusalem Hotel.
- ★ An exhibition by Jordanian artist Omar Al Basoul at Alia Art Gallery.
- ★ A German video film for children entitled "Metis" at the Goethe Institute — 4:00 p.m.
- ★ A Yugoslav film entitled "The Magpie's Strategy" which is shown at the Royal Cultural Centre as part of the Yugoslav Film Week — 8:00 p.m.

## King Hussein visits Husseiniyah

# King: Jordan's destiny is to counter all challenges facing the Arab nation

HUSSEINIYAH (Petra) — His Majesty King Hussein Thursday said Jordan's destiny was to counter all challenges and dangers facing the Arab nation and the whole Arab order.

Addressing a public rally in Husseiniyah, which the King visited Thursday, he stressed that it is the obligation of every one in the Jordanian family to perform his duties towards the future generation.

The King lauded the formation of the Arab Cooperation Council (ACC) and said that it was a strong, meaningful and new starting point on the path to inter-Arab cooperation.

However, the King noted, in order to have an effective role in cooperation, we should build it and enhance it here in Jordan.

He paid tribute to the late

King Hussein pledged Jordan's continued support for the Arab nation.

Addressing tribesmen from the southern parts of Jordan, King Hussein said that the south was the main base from which the Great Arab Revolt moved, and added that it constitutes a bright spot in the Arab World.

King Hussein said that he was attracted and impressed by the cohesion and mutual respect which characterise the Huweitat, as well as all Jordanian tribes.

The King praised the original Arab values enjoyed by all Jordanians and called for maintaining these values "which we have inherited from our grandfathers and great-grandfathers."

The King was accompanied by His Royal Highness Crown Prince Hassan, His Royal Highness Prince Abdullah, His Royal

Highness Prince Hamzeh, Prince Minister Sharif Zeid Beo Shaker, Chief of Royal Court Mudar Badra and Chief Chambariato Prince Raad Ibn Zaid.



His Majesty King Hussein and his motorcade Thursday arrive at the Husseiniyah public rally site surrounded by jubilant Huweitat tribesmen (Petra photo)

Highness Prince Hamzeh, Prince Minister Sharif Zeid Beo Shaker, Chief of Royal Court Mudar Badra and Chief Chambariato Prince Raad Ibn Zaid.

Upon arrival at the public rally site, the King was received by Sheikh Faisal Ibn Jazi and Huweitat tribesmen, Deputy Prime Minister and Interior Minister Salem Masa'deh, a number of cabinet ministers, Ma'an Governor Eid Al Qatarnah and senior military and civil officials from Ma'an Governorate.



Prince Abdullah, Prince Ghazi visit PSD

AMMAN — Their Royal Highnesses Prince Abdullah Ibn Al Hussein and Prince Ghazi Ibn Mohammed Thursday paid a visit to the Public Security Department where they were received and briefed by the PSD Director Major-General Fadel Al Faisali on the department's plans and programmes. Princes Abdullah and Ghazi were briefed on the PSD operations and toured installations, security sections (Petra photo)

## Princess Alia inaugurates Zarqa celebrations of Arab Child Week

ZARQA (Petra) — Her Royal Highness Princess Alia Faisal Thursday inaugurated the Arab Child Week celebrations, organised by the Islamic Culture Society in Zarqa.

The celebrations included artistic performances, dabkeh dances, songs, plays, a puppet show and a book exhibition.

The chairman of the society addressed the celebrations and stressed the need for meeting the children's needs to enable them to grow to their full potential.

At the end of the event Princess Alia presented awards and gifts to the society's orphan girls. The society chairman presented the Princess with a token gift.

The Queen Alia Jordan Social Welfare Fund (QAF) in cooperation with the Mu'ta Charitable Society in Karak and Mu'ta University Wednesday launched steps for the establishment of a kindergarten to serve the inhabitants of Al Mazar Al Janoubi near Karak.

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## Sharif Zeid receives ILO team's finding on Jordan's unemployment

AMMAN (Petra) — Prime Minister Sharif Zeid Beo Shaker Thursday received in two separate meetings Shukri Al Dajani, Regional director of the International Labour Organisation (ILO) and Omid Madhat Mubarak, the Iraqi labour minister, who conveyed to him the greetings of Iraqi First Deputy Prime Minister Taha Yassin Ramadan.

Sharif Zeid discussed with Da-

jani the conclusions and findings which the ILO team of experts has reached.

The ILO team arrived in Jordan last week to examine the labour market, the situation of the manpower and to find the best means for finding a solution to the unemployment problem in Jordan.

The team decided to send a new group to Jordan to pursue

## Man hanged for killing wife

AMMAN (J.T.) — A 55-year-old man, convicted of murdering his wife, was hanged at the Swaqa prison, south of here, in implementation of a court sentence.

A report in Al Ra'i daily Friday said that Ismail Abdullah Ali was hanged in the prison yard in the presence of the criminal court officials, and representatives of the Public Security Department, the Health Ministry and Chief Islamic Justice office.

The report said that the executed man killed his wife Zabiyeh after living with her for 30 years during which she had

given birth to three girls and six boys.

But it said that the killing probably occurred following sharp disputes between the families of the husband and wife especially after the executed man had decided to marry his brother's widow wife.

Several disputes were settled through the intervention of relatives only to flare up again, the report noted.

Three months ago Ismail went to live in the U.S. but the Amer-

## ACC ministers discuss youth activities

BAGHDAD (Petra) — Ministers of youth and sports in the four Arab Cooperation Council (ACC) member states — Jordan, Iraq, North Yemen and Egypt — met in Baghdad Thursday and discussed joint plan of action for sports and youth activities in the four states.

During the three day meetings, the ministers will sign a joint plan of action, based on four major

elements designed to strengthen cooperation in the areas of sports and youth.

These elements are: finding a formula for youth and sport policies and objectives in the ACC states, unifying legal legislations governing the relations among the four countries, drawing up

Joint programmes to enhance relations among the ACC states and unifying positions on the Arab and international arenas.

Youth Minister Awad Khleifat Thursday left for Baghdad to take part in the meetings.

Khleifat will sign a protocol of bilateral cooperation in the field of youth and sports with Iraq.

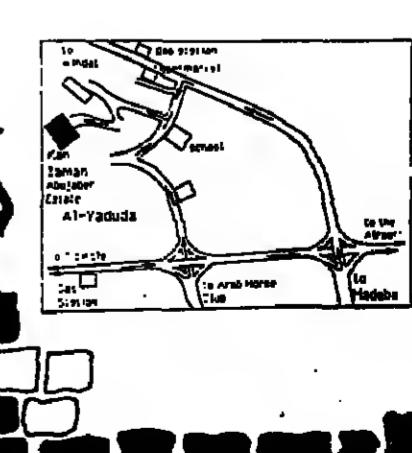
## Kan Zaman A Place in Time

### VILLAGE MARKET TRADITIONAL CRAFTS CAFE RESTAURANT

new winter schedule for village market & crafts center

11:00 a.m. to 8:00 p.m. daily

Kan Zaman center will be closed for a private function on Oct. 15, 1989.  
from 11:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m.



open daily from 11 a.m. to 11 p.m.

## NEWS from TOYOTA

### NEW BRAND MARK ANNOUNCED FOR TOYOTA VEHICLES

Toyota City — TÖYOTA MOTOR CORPORATION announced a new brand mark for its "Toyota-brand" vehicles. The company plans to introduce the mark worldwide beginning in early 1990. The new mark was created to represent the Toyota brand and to symbolise the advanced features and dependability of Toyota-brand vehicles. It will be used on all new Toyota-brand vehicles introduced, in or after 1990.

"We at Toyota consider customer satisfaction the starting point of automobile manufacturing, and to create cars with a view to the twenty-first century. We're making positive efforts in research and development of advanced technology, as well as endeavouring to expand and improve our quality assurance and service systems," said Toyota President Shoichiro Toyoda. "Our new brand mark was established with this philosophy in mind and will be used on all of our Toyota-brand models, with the aim of consolidating and enhancing the Toyota-brand image."



### Outline of the Toyota-Brand Mark

The design consists of three ellipses. In geometrical terms, an ellipse contains two central points. One of these points represents the heart of our customers and the other the heart of our product. The ellipse thus symbolically unifies the two hearts. The combined vertical and horizontal ellipses symbolise the "T" of Toyota. The space in the background represents Toyota's ever-expanding technological advancement and the boundless opportunities that lie ahead.



By Nelly Lema  
Special to the Jordan Times

AMMAN — A priceless collection of manuscripts and artifacts bearing examples of the various styles of Islamic Calligraphy stand on exhibit at the National Gallery of Fine Arts in Jabal Luweibdeh. They are a living proof of the high level of aesthetic attainment of the many Muslim nations throughout an extensive period culminating in contemporary creations. It is imperative to point out that Islamic Calligraphy is an art per se and that it covers both religious and secular works. Their application being totally unrestricted, they are done in multi-media ranging from inscriptions on paper or vellum to architectural decorations (wood and stone carving, mosaic or ceramic decoration, stucco) to woven textiles (initially manufactured by the Copts in Egypt) and in the form and decoration of the humble pot.

All these artifacts figure in the present exhibition which is the fourth attempt of the Musée d'Art et d'Histoire of Geneva to expose the Orientalist tradition that is housed in the many reputable private collections found in Geneva to a wide public. In 1981 they presented "Islamic Ceramics in Geneva Collections" followed in 1984 by "Islam and Figurative Art" going on to a vast and comprehensive exhibition in 1985, the first of its kind, encompassing all media, all styles and all territories of Islam. "The Treasures of Islam." Huge crowds from all over the world flocked in and left astounded at the variety, richness and excellence of the works. Their fourth exhibition "Islamic Calligraphy, Sacred and Secular Writings" has come to us today bearing with it items from the collections of Prince Sadruddin Aga Khan, Hashem Khosrovan, Kifaaat Sheikh El-Ard, Jean Paul Croiset, Bashir Mohammed and Said Zulficar.

The arrangement and study of the whole project was done under the expertise of David James, Islamic curator of the Chester Beatty Library in Dublin (home of an extensive collection of Islamic manuscripts), and Francois Derouche, Research Fellow at the Max van Berchem Foundation in Geneva.

On entering the exhibition one can find posters bearing a short exposé on Islamic Calligraphy by David James in which he explains the association of the script with Koranic scripture and therefore its sanctification; the reason behind its fast but highly aesthetic development. "A canon of perfection existed," he explains "the calligrapher aspired to it and rarely departed from it." He goes

on to say that years of practice are necessary to enable the calligrapher to acquire and cultivate this discipline. He compares this artistic attainment, to a great symphony "frozen" on the page before us, he also compares the Firman of Suleiman the Magnificent to a cascade of staccato notes across the piano keyboard.

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scription enters its rim through the cavetto (concavity of the bowl) only to stop short at the centre. The asymmetry and simplicity of this work makes our mind hover between Japanese design and modern art.

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Herat, Afghanistan during the Mughal Empire can also be seen in this exhibition.

The Chased brass seal with an ebony handle belonging to the Mughal Emperor of India, Shah Jahan comes to us from 17th century Agra.

From 19th century India, we can see an overwhelmingly striking Talisman painted in very thick stylised Kufic script fitting tightly into triangular and semicircular panels forming the shape of a minbar. It refers to the eyes of evil men that see the believer as possessed or mad.

To see this exhibition is obviously a must. It will go on till mid-November. Special thanks go to Princess Wijdan Ali who made such valuable pieces available for us to see on our native soil. We are proud to see the name of Amman appear in line with Geneva, Dublin, London and Zurich in the superbly arranged catalogue that accompanies the exhibit and which is being sold in the premises.

## Priceless manuscripts and artifacts on exhibit at the National Gallery

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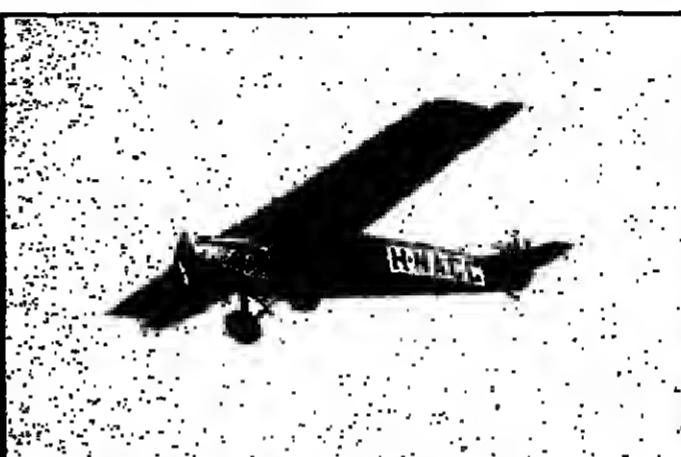
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## KLM (Royal Dutch Airlines)

THE WORLD'S OLDEST AIRLINE CELEBRATES 70TH ANNIVERSARY ON OCT. 7th



The first two-passenger plane used by KLM.



Boeing 747-400s the latest and most advanced passengers plane call over the world. KLM was the first European airline to use this plane.

The story of KLM as told by Mr. N. Fakhony General Manager of KLM in Jordan.

KLM emerged victorious with the longest record of public service among airlines in the world. Founded on Oct. 7, 1919, the Royal Dutch Airlines has extended its services, increased the number of its aircraft and reached more and more places in the world. After 70 years, KLM has found its place in history. The first flight by KLM was on May 17, 1920 from London to Amsterdam.

In KLM's first year of operation, the airline had four aircraft, flew a distance of 82,000 kms, transported 345 passengers and, 22,000 kgs of cargo. Today, KLM owns 73 aircraft plus 11 helicopters, including subsidiaries NLM City Hopper, Netherlands and KLM Helicopters. It reaches 141 destinations in 77 countries and has transported 6.9 million passengers and 443,000 tons of

freight and mail in 1989 alone.

The first phase of KLM's development was shaped by the personalities of two young Dutch entrepreneurs who saw the golden opportunities offered by the then new means of transport — the "aeroplane."

Albert Plesman, was a young officer pilot in the Dutch Air Force and used the platform of the first aeronautical show in Amsterdam in 1919 to promote his visionary ideas for commercial exploitation of aircraft. He became KLM's first president and held his post until his untimely death on December 31, 1953. Anthony Fokker was an aircraft designer and worked closely with Plesman to design passenger aircrafts which would meet KLM's requirements as regards reliability, comfort and economy.

But dedication and ingenuity brought KLM back on its feet and on May 21, 1946, KLM was the first continental European airline to start service to the U.S. after the war.

September 7th of this year marked the 100th anniversary of the birth of

Plesman, the driving force behind the founding of KLM and the initiator of air travel in the Netherlands.

In order to successfully withstand the challenge of competition, KLM's strategy is directed to combine forces, concentrate on core activities, investing in order to create the strongest possible starting position, strengthening KLM's European and international distribution and market positions.

Throughout its seven decades of service, KLM has seen continuous growth thanks to its constant striving for optimal customer oriented quality. The customer judges KLM by its quality. Quality itself influences the choice of the customer. This explains KLM's mission to position itself as leading European airline, ranking amongst the world's top three quality carriers.

## Priest produces film about slain Central American archbishop

By David Schulze  
Reuters

MONTREAL — El Salvador's Archbishop Oscar Romero was murdered at his altar in 1980, just after delivering a sermon on the need to end political violence in the war-ravaged Central American country.

Now his life is the subject of a film made by Los Angeles-based producer and paulist priest Elwood Kieser, who introduced it at the recent Montreal world film festival.

"Romero" stars Puerto Rican-born actor Raul Julia in the lead role and was directed by Australian John Duigan, best known for

"the year my voice broke." The film, which opened across the United States this month, traces Romero's transition from a bookish, apolitical priest to an ardent defender of the poor and of human rights and his emergence finally as an opponent of his country's rightist government.

After delivering a homily calling on Salvadoran soldiers to refuse orders to shoot at their countrymen, he was assassinated while celebrating mass by a gunman believed to be linked to the military.

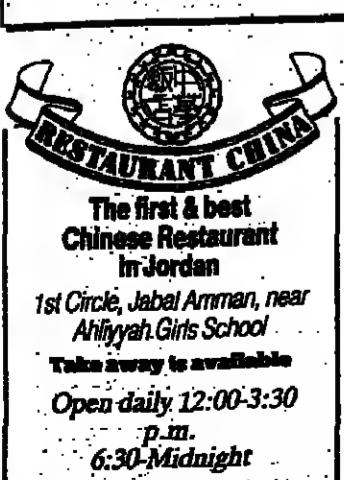
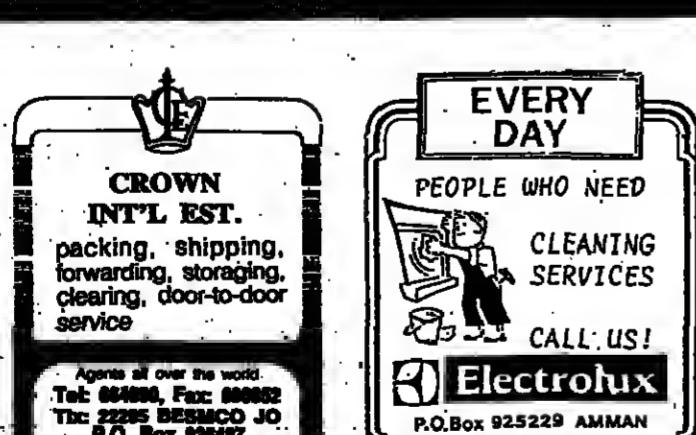
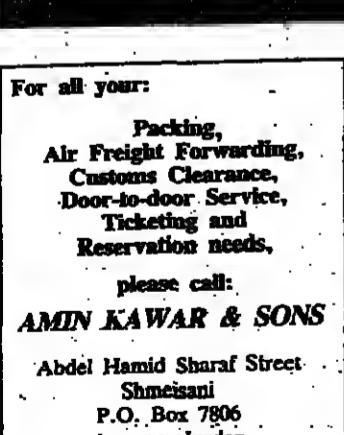
The film is open in its criticism of the Salvadoran military, who are shown to be responsible for rape, murder, torture and for Romero's

assassination. But like Romero himself, the film steers clear of endorsing the left-wing guerrillas who have taken up arms against the government.

The basic problem in El Salvador is deep economic injustice," says Kieser, who believes those problems can be solved without violence.

However, at the end of the movie, one young priest leaves to join the guerrillas, a character Kieser says is based on two priests who are currently guerrilla commanders.

Kieser's religious order, the Paulists, specialised in serving those outside the Catholic Church and his non-profit company, Paulist productions, has been responsible for a number of television series, specialists and films.



GCC, Iraq stand for a boom

## Demand for oil soars

LONDON (R) — The West is failing to keep up its emergency stocks of oil to match a sudden jump in petroleum consumption, according to the Paris-based International Energy Agency (IEA), its energy watchdog.

The IEA brought out new estimates Thursday confirming a judgement in July that oil demand is now about back where it was at the market's historic peak in 1979.

World consumption outside the communist nations was expected to be 52.1 million barrels per day (b/d) in 1989, the IEA said, firming up a July estimate of around 52 million.

That is a gain of 1.2 million b/d on last year and about equal with 1979 — just before worldwide oil demand was sent tumbling in reaction to prices as high as \$40 per barrel.

Weaker demand forced prices down in the middle of the decade. Now, weak prices are helping demand back up again.

But IEA said oil stocks in the 24 industrial nations of the Organisation for Economic Cooperation and Development (OECD), as of Oct. 1, were down to 92 days' forward cover.

That compares with 95 days a year ago, and is the lowest at the start of the northern autumn since the 1970s.

A big difference between today and 1979, when a cut in Iran's exports

"especially when you consider that a bigger proportion of crude oil used by the United States, for instance, is now imported and is coming for farther afield."

He said stocks were expensive for oil companies to carry but the policy seemed to be one of cutting stocks to the bone."

Nico's scenario was still for slightly lower oil prices in 1990 — the IEA sees the rise in demand slowing a bit in line with weaker economic expansion — but with "significant upside if demand has been underestimated or supply is disrupted."

A surge in world demand for oil during the 1990s will help Gulf producers resume a pivotal role in the international market, as well as boosting their economies, a senior Gulf economist said in a report published Wednesday.

The move had been expected in currency markets in recent days and was seen as helping West Germany maintain a strong mark against the U.S. dollar.

The move was followed immediately by the Bank of England, which raised a key money market intervention rate by one point to 15 per cent, a clear sign it expects Britain's commercial banks to raise their base lending rates by the same amount.

In Paris, the Bank of France raised its intervention rates on the domestic money market by three quarters of a per cent to 9.5 per cent.

The Swiss National Bank also said that its discount rate would be raised half a percentage point to six per cent.

The Bundesbank last raised interest rates by half a percentage point on June 29 out of similar concern about inflation, and was

## European interest rates go up

FRANKFURT (Agencies) — West Germany raised two key interest rates Thursday to head off inflation in a move swiftly followed by France, Britain, Switzerland and five other central banks.

Such is the pivotal role West Germany plays in the European economy that similar moves across Europe had been expected.

But rates are already high in Italy and Rome might try to maintain them at current levels, economists said.

British rates were already above the norm with a base rate of 14 per cent. The increase was hard for the authorities to swallow but was designed to stop a run on sterling, already depressed by a series of a bad monthly trade figures.

It was humiliating for Britain's ruling Conservative Party, which is expected to trumpet the virtues of the free market at a party conference this week. Industrialists bitterly oppose any increase.

A general European-wide interest rate rise would help monetary authorities defend their currencies against the dollar, which has been knocked down in the past two weeks by concerted central bank intervention in markets worldwide.

Intervention has been the main tool used by the authorities to bring the dollar down from highs of more than two marks and 149 yen to around 1.88 and 141 at present.

But a European interest rate increase would narrow differential with relatively high U.S. rates, one of the main reasons for the dollar's surge this year, and help maintain a lid on the dollar, the economists said.

Economists believe the U.S. Federal Reserve (Fed) will not join the fight against the currency by easing its monetary policy.

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"We don't think the Fed will lower rates," said Jack Broen at BNY Securities Inc. "If anything, the Bundesbank's one-percentage-point rise in rates signals the Fed is unwilling to go along with a coordinated rate move."

"Why ease at this stage?" said James Fralick of Morgan Stanley and Co. "The economy doesn't look that soft. In fact, the employment numbers may show continued growth."

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The dollar's off its highs," Fralick added. "If the Fed eased, the dollar could fall sharply and stimulate exports, causing some (capacity) strains in export industries."

Despite the European moves, the Fed will not lower rates because it has shown a preference for U.S. economic issues and not the dollar, economists said.

"Their policy is dominated by domestic concerns," said Kristin Foster at Citicorp Investment Bank. "All of the (central) banks are responding to domestic factors."

In addition, the Bundesbank's move could give the Fed some breathing room by luring investors from the dollar. The rate rise was double that expected by the financial markets.

"It gives the Fed the flexibility to not ease and even raise our rates in the fourth quarter if the economy shows strength," Fralick said.

If the Fed does anything, it will change only the benchmark federal funds rate, or what banks charge each other for overnight loans, economists said.

Critics called the German and British increases heavy-handed. They "could be dangerous to the economy and could be too high," said Peter Pietsch, an economist with Commerzbank in

Frankfurt. John Banham, director-general of the Confederation of British Industry, called them "wholly unnecessary."

"High interest rates have done their job by curbing overheating in the economy, and this further rise will be counterproductive," he said.

West Germany's economy is growing at a rate of 4.5 per cent compared with the previous two per cent, and inflation is at three per cent, said David Morrison, an economist at Goldman Sachs International Corp. in London.

He speculated that West Germany wanted to get interest rate increases out of the way well before a 1990 national election.

"This probably reflects a peak for interest rates," he said.

Chancellor of the Exchequer Nigel Lawson told British Broadcasting Corp. radio that the increase was "extremely awkward." But he said, "it's necessary to do the right thing."

The repeated interest rate increases since the summer of 1988 have squeezed Britain's homeowners, most of whom hold adjustable-rate mortgages.

Abbey National, Britain's second-biggest lender, immediately warned that its mortgage rates of 12.95 per cent and 13.5 per cent would have to go up, probably from Nov. 1.

A one-percentage-point increase in the mortgage rate adds £48 (\$77) a month to a 25-year £75,000 (\$120,000) mortgage.

Lawmaker John Smith, the spokesman on trade, said: "This is appalling news. For millions of mortgage payers and for businesses all over Britain living costs will rise and investment will become even more expensive."

## CAEU panels issue results

AMMAN (Petra) — The Council of Arab Economic Unity (CAEU) sub-committee on statistics Thursday stressed the importance of accelerating efforts to build a pan-Arab information network on transport, communications and telecommunications, based on a comprehensive data base.

At the conclusion of its meetings here, the sub-committee called for strengthening cooperation with the Central Arab Bureau for Statistics and Documentation.

The committee also called for overcoming all difficulties facing the smooth application of office works and stressed the need for holding a symposium entitled "Towards an Integrated Arab System for Environmental Statistics" during the second half of the year 1990.

Also Thursday, the CEAU's committee on customs, planning and coordination of trade concluded its meetings and adopted a number of recommendations designed to promote commercial exchange among Arab countries.

The committee recommended that lists of commodities suitable for commercial exchange be drawn up before the end of this year and be sent to the CEAU's general secretariat.

The committee also adopted another recommendation, calling for developing methods of settling payments among the member states and broadening the base of customs exemptions.

The committee further called for giving priority to the occupied territories products and for facilitating their entry and marketing.

The committee called for the formation of a three-expert team to prepare the unified settlements directly and other customs directorates during the year 1990.

## Jordan, Yemen discuss ties in telecommunications



Mohammad Shahid Ismail: AMMAN (Petra) — Telecommunications Corporation Director-General Mohammad Shahid Ismail discussed in Sanaa Thursday day scopes of telecommunications cooperation between Jordan and the Yemen Arab Republic.

Upon arrival in Sanaa, Ismail met with the Yemeni Telecommunications Minister Mohammad Al Khadem and senior telecommunications officials with whom he discussed means of enhancing bilateral cooperation, in implementation of resolutions adopted recently by the Arab Cooperation Council's Higher Committee.

## U.S. expects lower trade deficit

WASHINGTON (AP) — Commerce Secretary Robert Mosbacher said Thursday the U.S. foreign trade deficit is likely to shrink to between \$100 billion and \$110 billion this year, with Japan accounting for about half that imbalance.

Through the first seven months of the year, the trade deficit has been running at an annual rate of \$105.8 billion, down 11 per cent from the 1988 deficit of \$118.5 billion.

The trade deficit for this year is improving at exactly half the pace of last year, when the gap between imports and exports fell by 22 per cent, down from a record \$152.12 billion in 1987.

Mosbacher predicted that the deficit with Japan would total \$50 billion this year.

Japan is the "prime target" of administration efforts to lower the imbalance, Mosbacher said in testimony before the House of Representatives Foreign Affairs Committee.

In a separate congressional appearance, U.S. Trade Representative Carla Hills was also blunt about the need for Japan to do more to open its markets.

"Japan is an economic superpower, but they must contribute to the system and not just take from it," Hills said.

Meanwhile, orders to U.S. factories for manufactured goods rebounded 2.9 per cent in August after falling in July to their lowest level in eight months, the government has reported.

The report was the latest in a string of indicators showing that the nation's economy continued to grow modestly last summer, despite earlier fears that efforts to control inflation could steer it into a recession.

If the July weakness in manufacturing had persisted, it could have led to layoffs and a rise in the unemployment rate.

If inventories increase without

## Gillette sharpens shaving war

NEW YORK (R) — Gillette Co. has unleashed its new blade in the shaving war: the \$200 million high-tech "sensor" razor.

Company officials predicted the razor, whose twin blades sit on spring mounts, will capture a significant piece of the shaving business in just three years.

Sensor is the high-stakes culmination of a decade-long development and retooling programme for Gillette. It is the Boston-based company's bid to revive the business that made it rich by winning back men who have been chucking reusable blades in favour of cheap, disposable razors.

Gillette relies on shavers and

a corresponding gain in new orders, it could signal production cutbacks in the future as factories attempt to get rid of goods on shelves and backlog.

However, unfilled orders declined 0.3 per cent, the first drop since a 0.1 per cent fall in February 1987, indicating decreased demand for goods.

Orders for durable goods, "big-ticket" items expected to last more than three years rose 3.9 per cent in August. That was a slight revision of the Commerce Department report last week that durable goods orders, boosted by robust automobile sales, had rebounded 3.8 per cent for their steepest advance this year.

Orders for non-durable goods advanced 1.8 per cent.

blades for most of its profit and controls nearly two-thirds of the U.S. market for shaving products, industry analysts say.

And while it has managed to win a big share of the market for disposable razors, that business is far less profitable than selling reusable shavers and blades.

Sensor "will launch a new era in shaving," said John Symons, president of Gillette North Atlantic shaving group.

Company officials said Gillette expects to sell 55 million of the razors in three years at an average retail price of \$3.75 apiece, translating to revenues of about \$206 million over that period.

Sensor should command a 15

per cent share of the shaving market by its third year, the company said.

While Sensor is widely viewed

as a big gamble for Gillette — it spent 10 years on the project — Symons downplayed the stakes involved.

Of the \$200 million spent, some \$150 million was used to update and expand manufacturing equipment, he said.

Gillette, whose founder, King C. Gillette, invented the reusable safety razor, also sells some of the best-known dental, cosmetic and other personal products in the world, including Pampers and Flair pens, Right Guard Deodorant and Oral B Toothbrushes.

On the first page of the comic strip "The Better Half," a man says, "You hate the way I eat with my mouth open? Gee, I always thought that was one of my charming imperfections!"

On the second page, the man says, "So, Monsieur... I am told that you are the famous Flying Ace..."

On the third page, the man says, "You are so famous that the Red Baron says he must destroy you!"

On the fourth page, the man says, "I've never heard of me..."

On the fifth page, the man says, "Jeff is this true? The Justice of the Peace said he married you twenty years ago!"

On the sixth page, the man says, "Mutt, I swear, that guy's a nut! I don't ever remember marrying a Justice of the Peace!"

On the seventh page, the man says, "After all these years she's left with little I can't say, but instead of saying it all, anyway..."

On the eighth page, the man says, "I bet Flo and Rubie will be waiting up to give us a lecture..."

On the ninth page, the man says, "I don't know about Rubie, but I'm sure Flo will be..."

On the tenth page, the man says, "Chalkie..."

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## East Germans continue trek to the West

HANOVER, West Germany (AP) — A train carrying more than 600 East German refugees rolled into West Germany Friday after a similar exodus had been disrupted for several hours seeking to board the locked railcars.

The East Germans, chanting "Deutschland" and shouting thanks, left Warsaw, Poland, by train Thursday night on a trip via their communist homeland. They arrived in Laatzen, a Hanover suburb, nearly 14 hours later.

The 633 refugees, who were accompanied on the train by West German envoys, cheered, whistled and hugged each other when a local politician welcomed them as "my countrymen."

They looked well-rested and more relaxed than those who arrived earlier in the week from Czechoslovakia.

West German officials and Red Cross workers readied temporary housing and other forms of care.

Those aboard had crowded West Germany's embassy in Warsaw in hopes of joining the East Germans who have made their way through Hungary, Czechoslovakia or Poland since mid-September. More than 47,000 East Germans have left since then.

West German radio and television reported that as soon as the train left, about a dozen more East Germans entered West Germany's embassy in Warsaw in hopes of gaining permission to go West. They crossed into Poland legally in private cars, Hessischer Rundfunk radio said.

The ZDF television network said the train's original route was apparently changed to avoid a repeat of earlier riots at the East German city of Dresden, where east Germans tried to board the trains from Prague to the West as they passed through.

## Kaifu retains party presidency

TOKYO (AP) Prime Minister Toshiki Kaifu, in office less than two months, was assured of two more years as president of the ruling Liberal Democratic Party Friday when he registered as the only candidate for the post.

Thus, he will remain prime minister as long as the Liberal Democrats retain their majority in parliament, or until his term as party president expires in October 1991.

No other members of the Liberal Democratic Party filed papers to oppose Kaifu's candidacy by Friday at 11 a.m. (0200 GMT), when the application deadline passed, party officials said.

Kaifu, 58, will be formally declared party president without balloting at a party convention Oct. 31, they said.

"As of the application deadline, we have Mr. Kaifu alone as our candidate and therefore, Mr. Kaifu will be the winner without balloting," said Seisaku Okuno, head of the Liberal Democrats' election Management Committee.

Kaifu, in a policy statement attached to his application for the candidacy, pledged to restore public trust toward the party and promote political reforms.

"The serious objective of the party now is to make politics trustworthy for the public and stabilise political situation," Kaifu said in a statement released Friday.

He also called for promoting dialogue with Communist bloc nations, contributing to preservation of the global environment.

## Maryland 'hotline' cashes on weird calls

By Robert M. Andrews  
The Associated Press

ROCKVILLE, Maryland — There's a lot of strange stuff happening out there — tales of plottergists, swamp monsters, maybe even dinosaurs still crashing through African jungles — and Mark Chorvinsky has opened a "strange hotline" to hear all about it.

"The world is a pretty strange place," says Chorvinsky, 35, a black-clad archivist of the weird who lives on in a quiet, tree-shaded street in this Washington suburb.

"Everybody knows of something strange that has happened to them, but they never talk about it," he says. "The only time it's safe to talk, it seems, is around a campfire or during halloween."

Now they can dial the "strange hotline" at 1-900-520-



Soldiers loyal to General Manuel Antonio Noriega patrolling Panama City streets after last week's attempted coup.

## Panama soldiers take over opposition leader's office

PANAMA CITY, Panama (AP) — Government soldiers took over the office where former opposition presidential candidate Guillermo Endara had been on a hunger strike, but another opposition leader said Endara had escaped.

The troops moved in late Thursday after military leader General Manuel Antoni Noriega vowed to crack down on the opposition following a coup attempt Tuesday.

The figures were cited at a prayer service in an East Berlin church late Thursday, the radio said without elaborating.

Poland contributed two extra cars to a six-car East German train sent to carry the refugees to West Germany, which grants them automatic citizenship and helps them start new lives.

Endara's whereabouts were not known Thursday night. Cochez said the former presidential candidate, in the 16th day of a hunger strike, "is now in a safe place." He did not elaborate.

A resident living near the opposition coalition office where Endara had been staying said two trucks of soldiers surrounded the block, stopped traffic and then entered the building, firing tear gas.

Security forces were at the building off and on for much of the day. Gunmen in civilian clothes fired shots in the air out-

side the ground-floor corner office where Endara was staying, dispersing scores of supporters. Journalists were kept 200 metres from the scene.

As the troops moved in, the AP photographer John Hooper was hit on the head, and the wound required stitches. Hooper's equipment was confiscated, as was that of a U.S. television network cameraman.

In a televised speech earlier Thursday, Noriega said he had evidence that if the coup had succeeded, the United States planned to install Endara as president. He castigated Washington, and ridiculed Endara.

"This hunger-striking buffoon sneaks out to eat so he can be well fed when he takes over the presidency," Noriega said.

International observers have said Endara won the May 7 presidential election, which was annulled by the government. Endara went on a hunger strike as part of an anti-government campaign.

Noriega, brandishing a rifle given him by supporters and quoting Spanish proverbs, promised "blows for the undecided, lead for the enemy and silver for

the friend." He said he would impose "war laws" to ensure national security. Speaking to a group of women supporters in Santiago, 241 kilometres west of Panama City, Noriega compared Tuesday's coup attempt with the failed U.S.-sponsored Bay of Pigs invasion against Cuba in 1961.

The government says 10 members of the rebellious forces died in the failed coup, and that 23 others, including three members of the general staff, were arrested when troops loyal to Noriega crushed the revolt.

Noriega said U.S. troops from the southern command military installations along the Panama Canal had tried to block loyal forces from coming to his rescue.

In Washington, U.S. Defense Secretary Dick Cheney said the rebels contacted U.S. military officials in Panama and requested blockade of routes leading to the headquarters building where Noriega was. But he said President George Bush did not order the routes blocked.

U.S. troops did block access routes to U.S. installations, and some of those routes also led to the coup scene. But other routes were unobstructed.

## Dalai Lama award rubs salt into Chinese wounds

OSLO (R) — By giving the Nobel Peace Prize to the Dalai Lama, the Oslo Nobel Committee has trampled on raw Chinese sensitivities and made one of the most controversial choices in the 88-year-history of the award.

Peking has already faced world condemnation for the bloody suppression of the student demonstration in Tiananmen Square. Now, Tibet's spiritual leader has been given recognition for the non-violent Buddhist example he has set to people during three decades of exile in India.

Tibet's "God-king" charged that Peking was making "a systematic effort to crush the spirit and national identity of the Tibetan people."

"Tibetans today are facing the real possibility of elimination as a people and a nation," the Dalai Lama told reporters in California, where he is attending a conference.

The Dalai Lama, now 54, fled Tibet in 1959 after an abortive crackdown on dissent.

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the Chinese embassy in Oslo, said the award was an interference in Peking's affairs and hurt the Chinese people.

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"We have many sceptics who read the magazine, including myself," he said in an interview. "I am sceptical but open-minded. I doubt everything but I accept the possibility of anything."

He's never seen a UFO (unidentified flying object) landing in a corn field, but knows that "the damnedest things fall from

the sky," including frogs, fish, sugar crystals, ice chunks and vast cobwebs spun by airborne spiders.

Mysterious sea serpents like the Loch Ness monster may be the stuff of ancient folklore, he said, or they may have existed all along as monstrous species of marine life that somehow eluded discovery by scientists.

But what about the strange booms and bangs in the night? The bizarre mirages of entire cities in the sky? The spinning wheels of light beneath the oceans? Toads encased in rock but still alive?

"The stories that really intrigue me are those that give me the greatest feeling of disquieting strangeness," Chorvinsky said. "The tales so strange they couldn't possibly be explained, the kind that give you a chill down your spine or make your hair stand on end. The sort of thing that makes you say, 'Ooooch, that's weird.'"

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## Press leak torpedoes S. Africa talks plan

PARIS (R) — An embarrassing press leak has jeopardised a private French plan to stage the most ambitious forum yet on South Africa's internal conflict, according to diplomatic sources.

A Johannesburg daily reported Thursday the planned meeting would bring together South African cabinet ministers and the most senior members of the exiled African National Congress (ANC), the main guerrilla group fighting Pretoria.

The newspaper, *Business Day*, revealed the secret Tuesday, citing unnamed sources in the French Foreign Ministry.

Since then the organisers, France Liberte, a private human rights group headed by Danielle Mitterrand, the wife of French president, have refused to answer press enquiries.

A senior French presidential source acknowledged the substance of the story by *Business Day*, which said invitations had been sent to South African government officials and black and white opposition leaders for the five-day meeting, from Nov. 20.

He said the meeting was still at the planning stage. The French government was not involved.

Other delegates named by *Business Day* would include central bank governor Chris Stals, anti-apartheid clergymen Archbishop Desmond Tutu and Allan Boesak, mining union leader Cyril Ramaphosa and Gavin Relly, chairman of Anglo American, South Africa's biggest corporation.

The ANC in Paris said it was unaware of such a meeting.

"I first heard of this from the press," said ANC representative Solly Smith.

Apart from some South African intellectuals who said they had been approached, no one else has acknowledged receiving an invitation.

The press leak looked like a personal blow to Danielle Mitterrand, who used France Liberte

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Buyer yet to take possession of 'Irises'

LONDON (R) — Australian tycoon Alan Bond has yet to take possession of *Van Gogh's "Irises"*, the world's most expensive painting which was bought for \$49 million two years ago, auctioneers Sotheby's said Thursday.

Diplomats said the French wanted to take advantage of the atmosphere of expectation in South Africa, fostered by the new leadership of President F.W. de Klerk.

De Klerk has promised reforms to share power with South Africa's vote-less black majority but has stayed firm to the party line of rejecting contacts with the ANC unless it denounces violence.

Premature revelation of the scope of the planned meeting would hurt the chances of officials of South Africa's ruling National Party participating, diplomats said.

"France Liberte is now very embarrassed, because people learned in the press that they were going to be invited to this meeting," an analyst familiar with the group said.

"The whole thing went off half-cock and it will be difficult to see how National Party officials would take part," he said.

Parliamentarians of the ruling party stoned a platform with ANC representatives at a meeting in Bermuda in April, but Pretoria still rejects any official contact with the group it labels as terrorist.

South African analysts said anti-apartheid leaders, including Tutu and Boesak, would welcome such a forum but that the presence of government ministers appeared to be out of the question.

"There is no question of negotiating the future of South Africa in a foreign country," a South African official in Paris said, echoing a statement by Foreign Minister Pik Botha.

## WORLD NEWS IN BRIEF

### Estonia scraps vote rules

MOSCOW (R) — The Estonian parliament backed down in a dispute with the Kremlin Thursday, suspending clauses in a local election law that deprived thousands of Russian immigrants of the vote. Estonian radio said 172 of the 243 deputies accepted a proposal by President Arnold Rantel to scrap provisions of the law which allowed only people who had lived in the republic for at least two years to vote. The law provoked a rash of strikes by local Russian workers after it was passed by the Estonian parliament in August. "It was decided to modify the law in view of the current political situation and, in particular, because of the threat of more strikes," a journalist at Estonian television told Reuters. The compromise, which will allow all residents to take part in local elections due on Dec. 10, appeared to be part of an attempt by Estonia's reformist leadership to steer away from conflict with Moscow over the issue. The move was attacked by Estonian nationalists who are pressing for a return to the independence enjoyed by the republic until 1940.

### Riots hit Chile

SANTIAGO, Chile (AP) — Riot police fired tear gas and water cannons Thursday at hundreds of anti-government demonstrators commemorating the anniversary of right-wing military President Augusto Pinochet's defeat in a referendum on extending his rule. The afternoon clashes in the busy downtown sent bypassers, including shoppers and office workers, running for cover. Police said at mid-afternoon that 99 protesters had been arrested, but clashes continued and reporters saw several more demonstrators being detained. There was no immediate word on any injuries. Several small columns of marchers, carrying hammers and posters promoting opposition groups, converged on the edge of the city centre, but police barred most from proceeding downtown on the central Boulevard, called the Alameda. Some protesters, however, succeeded in entering the city centre and fought running skirmishes with helmeted riot police who fired tear gas grenades and employed water cannons mounted on armoured trucks to break up the groups.

### Norway's labour government will quit

OSLO, Norway (AP) — Prime Minister Gro Harlem Brundtland announced Friday she will resign next week rather than be ousted by a vote of parliament. Brundtland's three-year-old labour government will be replaced by a three-party non-socialist coalition headed by Jan P. Syse, head of the Conservative Party. Brundtland will step down Oct. 13, one month after labour suffered heavy setbacks in a national election, said spokesman Arne Strand. "She will inform the parliament Oct. 12 and hand in the government's resignation to King Olav Friday the 13th," Strand said. Labour will go ahead with plans to present its draft 1990 national budget to the new 165-seat parliament Thursday, the day before resigning, Strand said. Syse, 58, presented a basic platform for his non-socialist minority coalition Wednesday after two weeks of delicate negotiations. The three partners are now working on distributing cabinet posts.

### Jackson to host weekly show

NEW YORK (AP) — The Reverend Jesse Jackson announced Thursday that he would host a syndicated weekly talk show, starting in the fall of 1990. Though its format is not yet decided, Jackson said at a news conference that "Voices of America with Jesse Jackson" would be designed to "create access, precipitate ideas and be fair." The civil rights leader and former presidential candidate said he did not plan to compete with other talk shows, but talked of "incestuous inbreeding among the talk shows now — we must open up the window for communication." On the current lineup of talk shows, Jackson added, "fewer and fewer talk about more and more and know less and less."

### UNHCR appeals for more support

GENEVA (R) — United Nations High Commissioner for Refugees (UNHCR) Jean-Pierre Hocke warned Thursday that any further cutbacks in the agency's programmes would harm some of the 15 million refugees in its care. He appealed for increased support from the international community to help find durable solutions to the plight of displaced people worldwide. The UNHCR reported in August it was short of \$65 million to carry out its planned 1989 activities. It some programmes, Hocke said.

## Global weather

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